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Sir :

In response to the outstanding Official Action of May 28, 2010, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on August 30, 2010 (August 28, 2010 being a Saturday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.